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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND ON REQUEST FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS
FORCES IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

REF: STATE 251327

Classified By: AMBASSADOR CHARLES J. SWINDELLS,
FOR REASONS 1.4 (A), (B), AND (D)

¶1. (S) Ambassador discussed reftel request with New Zealand (NZ) Foreign Minister Phil Goff on December 13. Goff said that his government is reviewing what more New Zealand can do in Afghanistan. The Cabinet will reach its decision early in the new year, he said. Goff pledged to inform the Ambassador of the decision on a confidential basis, before it is announced. "You will be pleased," he predicted.

¶2. (S) Comment: According to post's DATT, this tracks closely with New Zealand's response to Centcom when this request was made through that channel. End Comment.

¶3. (U) MINCON ETAUTH.
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